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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02356.0090

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Brigitte GICQUEL ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Serial No.: 10/777,131 ) Examiner: Rodney P. SWARTZ  
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Filed: February 13, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 3675  
)  
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR )  
DETECTING MULTIDRUG RESISTANT )  
STRAINS OF *M. TUBERCULOSIS* )  
HAVING MUTATION SIN GENES OF )  
THE *MUTT* FAMILY )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

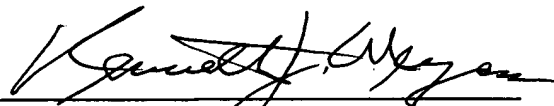
In a restriction requirement dated June 24, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group 1, Claims 1-25 and 44, drawn to a method of detecting DNA alteration; and Group II, Claims 26-43 and 45, drawn to DNA and vectors. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 26-43 and 45, drawn to DNA and vectors.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 24, 2005

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